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SUBJECT: SLOVAKIA RELEASES STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR IRAQI
GOVERNMENT FORMATION

1. (U) The Slovak Ministry of Foreign Affairs released the following statement on Iraq's formation of a national government on May 23. The original text is available in Slovak at www.mzv.sk:

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) and the Government of the Slovak Republic happily welcomed the news of the successful completion of the process of forming a united national government of the Iraqi Republic, and congratulates the Iraqi legislative body on the achievement of this important success.

The Slovak Republic believes that the creation of a new government built on a consensus of the Iraqi political spectrum will be a strong inspiration for a change in the behavior of previous opponents of renewing security and of the reconstruction of the country. After many years of instability and fear of large-scale political crisis, as well as civil and religious unrest, the Iraqi citizens have finally earned a fair chance for a better future.

The Slovak Republic will continue doing its share to maintain a secure situation and post-war renewal of the country until the time that the democratically elected government of the country deems necessary.

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